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Fox&Hounds discusses and explains the confluence of politics and business in California through our blog, featuring opinion pieces written by leaders from across the state published daily. Read below to see what's new on the site today.

Whither the Tax Revolt?
By Joel Fox

Last autumn, I wondered both in a Wall Street Journal article and a Los Angeles Times piece if California's tax revolt is dead. Given all the taxes that were passed by voters on the state and local level, the question was worth pondering.
Now, the legislature has thrown its opinion into the mix by passing a $52 billion transportation tax and fee package.
Even more tax measures are circulating under the capitol dome. There is a liquor tax proposal and another to increase income tax on high earners. The group of top income taxpayers have been targeted over the last dozen years, first to fund mental health programs, then to raise revenue for schools, followed by extending the school tax to fund both schools and Medi-Cal.

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Political Scams Are the Norm in California
By George Runner

Con artists deceive their victims by manipulating emotions and exploiting vulnerabilities. Some con artists are so skilled, their victims are unaware they've been scammed. Once a con artist gains your trust, it's highly probable you'll be the victim of a scam.
The same is true of some politicians.
Californians pay close to the highest amount of taxes in the nation and continue to demand better roads in return. Despite being overtaxed, we continue to drive on the worst roads in the nation. Politicians tell us they can improve our transportation infrastructure if we simply pay an additional $52 billion in taxes and fees.

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Logistics – Our Region's Economic Foundation
By Gary Toebben

It's an often repeated statistic that 40 percent of our nation's imported goods enter through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. After this cargo is unloaded from ships, it enters an incredibly complex system of logistics that employs hundreds of thousands of people in Southern California and spans a variety of industries including trucking, railroads, warehousing and technology.
On April 20, the LA Chamber will partner with the Inland Empire Economic Partnership to host the largest forum on logistics and supply chain management on the West Coast. This summit will explore the interconnectivity, challenges and opportunities of the supply chain within Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Critical issues to be discussed include technology improvements, workforce availability, education, public policy, infrastructure, leadership and management. The 2017 Summit will take place at the Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center in Pomona.

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Too Many White Students Means Funding Cuts for 'Desegregated' LA School
By Susan Shelley

This fall, Walter Reed Middle School in North Hollywood is set to lose some of its funding because it has too many white students.
Parents were told at an informational meeting on March 15 that the cuts could mean the layoff of some teachers because class size was going to increase.
Later, the district found a way to preserve some of those jobs by switching to a per-pupil funding model. But even under that alternate method of calculation, the school is losing funding because it has too many white students.

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